

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

23 July 2019

Mr. Liam Knox  
MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 68070  
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Somerville, MA 02144

Reference: F-2019-00872

Dear Mr. Knox:

This acknowledges receipt of your 16 May 2017 letter requesting the status concerning your 24 January 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **a copy of the CIA's files on Nicolas Maduro, the current President of Venezuela from 2006-2019. [You] would like a copy of all files on Maduro, but [you are] particularly interested in correspondences and documents containing Maduro's name as well as the terms:**

- **Regime change**
- **Coup**
- **Undemocratic**
- **Juan Guaido**
- **Rebels**
- **Opposition**
- **Oust**

Our records indicate that we provided a final response to you concerning this request on 28 May 2019. We are enclosing a copy of our response in the event that you did not receive it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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28 May 2019

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Dear Mr. Knox:

This is further to our letter dated 5 February 2019 and is also a final response to your 24 January 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **a copy of the CIA's files on Nicolas Maduro, the current President of Venezuela from 2006-2019. [You] would like a copy of all files on Maduro, but [you are] particularly interested in correspondences and documents containing Maduro's name as well as the terms:**

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We conducted a thorough search for CIA-originated biographic reports produced between 9 August 2006 and 22 January 2019 that would reveal an openly acknowledged CIA affiliation with the subject of your request. While we did locate responsive material, we determined that it remains currently and properly classified and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and/or (b)(3). A copy of an explanation of exemptions is enclosed.

To the extent that your request also seeks records that would reveal a classified association between the CIA and the subject, if any exist, we can neither confirm nor deny having such records, pursuant to Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, as amended. If a classified association between the subject and this organization were to exist, records revealing such a relationship would be properly classified and require continued safeguards against unauthorized disclosure. You may consider this finding a denial of this portion of your request pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. In this case, the relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 3024(i)(1), as amended. I have enclosed an explanation of exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the

CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

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Washington, DC 20505  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

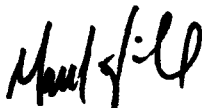
703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lilly', is written over the typed name.

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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